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SHERMAN FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS MULTIPLE INDICTMENTS

(Sherman, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a federal grand jury has returned numerous indictments this week charging 21 defendants of various federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

KENNETH DEAN MAYES, 36, of Pottsboro, has been indicted on charges of felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

According to court documents, Mayes was arrested at his home on November 6, 2006, where a search revealed numerous weapons and drugs throughout the residence. Mayes has previously been convicted of felony offense, including attempted murder, and is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

If convicted, Mayes could receive up to life in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stevan Buys.

LESLIE MARIE JACKSON, 36, of Dallas, has been indicted on charges of possession of stolen mail and several related conspiracy charges.

According to court documents, Jackson and at least one other co-conspirator, has been involved in numerous mail thefts in the Plano area. Identification and financial documents were stolen and used to defraud individuals, businesses, and financial institutions. At the time Jackson was arrested, she was in possession of a number of stolen and falsified items.

If convicted, Jackson faces up to five years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count.

This case is being investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stevan Buys.

RUBEN IBARRA SALAZAR, aka Rogelio Barragan-Ibarra, 38, and **TAMMIE SIMPSON SALAZAR**, 42, both of Dallas, were indicted on drug conspiracy and distribution charges related to methamphetamine. Ruben Salazar was also indicted on charges of firearm crimes and being in the United States after having been previously deported.

According to court documents, the defendants possessed more than 500 grams of methamphetamine and were arrested selling a pound of methamphetamine to an undercover police officer.

If convicted, each defendant faces up to life in federal prison and a fine of up to \$4 million.

This case is being investigated by the Dallas Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stevan Buys.

FARRIS KHALID SAWAN, aka Shariff Khalid Sawan, 31, address

unknown, **JOE MONTELONGO, II**, 20 of Dallas, and **CHANNING ALEXANDER**, 19 of Plano, were indicted on 37 counts related to mail thefts.

According to court documents, the defendants have been involved in numerous mail thefts at apartment complexes and other residential and business locations in which checks, credit cards, money, identification documents, and personal and financial information was stolen and used to defraud individuals, businesses and financial institutions.

If convicted, the defendants could each receive up to 30 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million for each charge.

This case is being investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stevan Buys.

JOSE FELIMON RESENDIZ, FERNANDO GARCIA, MARY TELL BENITEZ, and **MANUEL MEJIA-ORDONEZ**, all Mexican nationals illegally in the United States, were indicted for conspiracy to commit mail fraud. According to court documents, the Defendants utilized mail boxes and post office boxes in Plano and Dallas to receive state unemployment benefit checks from Tennessee and Colorado. The checks were delivered to the boxes based on fraudulent claims submitted by the Defendants using names and social security numbers which were bogus. The Defendants then endorsed the checks and sent them to California to be cashed.

If convicted, the defendants each face up to 5 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Bureau of

Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney M. Andrew Stover.

CESAR URIOSTEGUI-SALGADO, 26, of Mexico, was indicted for illegally being in the United States after having been previously deported.

If convicted, Uriostegui-Salgado faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele A. Ratcliffe.

FELIPE DARIO BAUTISTA-OLVERA, 25, of Mexico, was indicted for illegally being in the United States after having been previously deported.

If convicted, Bautista-Olvera faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele A. Ratcliffe.

CHARLTON RAY MCDONALD, 49, of Van Alstyne, has been indicted on charges of possession of child pornography.

According to court documents, the defendant received and had in his possession one or more visual depictions of minors involved in sexually explicit conduct. If convicted, McDonald faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation

and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

This case is being investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Blake.

BYRON TODD HALL, 27, of Lewisville, was indicted on charges of conspiracy with the intent to distribute crack cocaine.

If convicted, Hall faces up to life in federal prison and a fine of up to \$4 million. This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Josh Burgess.

KEVIN ANDREW PACK, II, 19, of Elkhart, Indiana, has been indicted for federal gun and drug charges.

According to court documents, on February 26, 2006, Pack was arrested during a highway interdiction after being found in possession of about 20 pounds of marijuana and a firearm. He has been charged with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and use, carrying, or possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

If convicted, Pack faces up to 5 years in federal prison and a \$250,000.00 fine. This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh Burgess.

NATHAN WAYLON SCARBROUGH, and **KANDI ELAINE**

SCARBROUGH, both of Thackerville, OK, and **GEORGE THOMAS ROBERTS, JR.**, of Gainesville, have been indicted for conspiracy with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a drug user. According to court documents, on May 10, 2006, the Grayson County Sheriff's Office responded to the Scarbroughs' residence on a narcotics complaint. Upon arrival at the residence, investigators could smell the odor of anhydrous ammonia. Inside the home, a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory and 11 weapons were discovered. Child Protective Services was contacted to remove three small children from the home.

If convicted, the defendants each face up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh Burgess.

KAYLON PERCEL STEWARD, 20, of Denison, was indicted on charges of conspiracy with the intent to distribute crack cocaine.

According to court documents, Steward was stopped on January 21, 2005 by Sherman Police Department Narcotics Officers and arrested for no driver's license and no insurance. Officers discovered 94 tablets of Ecstasy and 10 bottles of food coloring containing an unknown clear liquid were located in the floorboard behind Steward.

If convicted, Steward faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Maureen Smith.

THOMAS ALBERT MCCLOUD, 29, of Princeton, was indicted on two

counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment also charges McCloud with two counts of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

If convicted, McCloud faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ernest Gonzalez.

It is important to note that an indictment should not be considered as evidence of guilt and that all persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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